

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

Date 2/19/02 Label No. 038138084
I hereby certify that, on the date indicated above, this paper or
fee was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service & that it was
addressed for delivery to the Assistant Commissioner for
Patents, Washington, DC 20231 by "Express Mail Post Office
to Addressee" service.

A. DiLillo
Name (Print) Signature

Customer No.:



07278

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

PLEASE CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY UP TO \$300.00 OR
CREDIT ANY EXCESS IN THE FEES DUE WITH THIS
DOCUMENT TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 04-0100

FEB 26 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Docket No.: 2094/1E285US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kevin M. GORMAN, David R. PATTERSON,
Jeffrey M. LINNEN and Keming SONG

Serial No.: 09/494,332

Art Unit: 1655

Filed: January 28, 2000

Examiner: J. GOLDBERG

For:

OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT MULTIPLEX
DETECTION OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND HUMAN
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Box Patent Ext.
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Office

Action dated September 19, 2001 in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the time period for responding to the Office

Action be extended for a period of two months, from December 19, 2001 up to

and including February 19, 2002.

02/25/2002 RUONDRF1 00000001 09494332

02 FEB 2002

400.00 DP

The extensions of time indicated below are required and have not yet been granted:

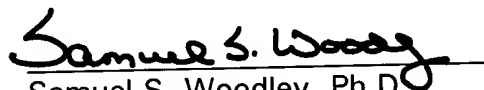
(in spaces at right enter fee for each indicated extension)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	first month, fee \$110	\$ <u>110.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	second month, fee \$290 (\$400)	\$ <u>290.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	third month, fee \$520 (\$920)	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	fourth month, fee \$520 (\$1440)	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	fifth month, fee \$520 (\$1960)	\$
SUBTOTAL		= \$ <u>400.00</u>
(If applicant is a "small entity", subtract half of subtotal)		(Less) - \$ <u>0</u>
TOTAL		\$ <u>400.00</u>

A check for the **TOTAL** amount shown above is enclosed to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 19, 2002


Samuel S. Woodley, Ph.D.
Reg. No. 43,287
Agent for Applicant(s)

DARBY & DARBY P.C.
805 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022
212-527-7700

Serial No. 09/494,332
Petition for Extension of Time

Docket No. 2094/1E285US1
Page 2 of 2